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TERRORISM: UN Secretary-General Waldheim's initiative on terrorism will now be discussed in the General Assembly's legal committee. Waldheim had originally suggested a full-scale Assembly debate, but responded to strong Arab and African opposition by proposing consideration by the committee instead. Discussions will not begin until the end of October at the earliest.

Reactions to the US draft convention on terrorism have been mixed. The Arabs and most Africans have opposed the US initiative. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, while expressing Moscow's opposition to terrorism in general, did not endorse the proposal in his speech to the Assembly earlier this week. Most West Europeans have endorsed the US move, but a Canadian representative has questioned whether tabling the draft convention at this early stage will facilitate action on the problem.

Meanwhile, the EC political directors and interior ministry representatives proposed last week that at least two working groups be set up to examine ways to coordinate anti-terrorist actions by the participating countries. The measures to be considered include pooling information on terrorist activities, coordination of visa and entry requirements, and strengthening of surveillance and security procedures at all points of entry to EC states.

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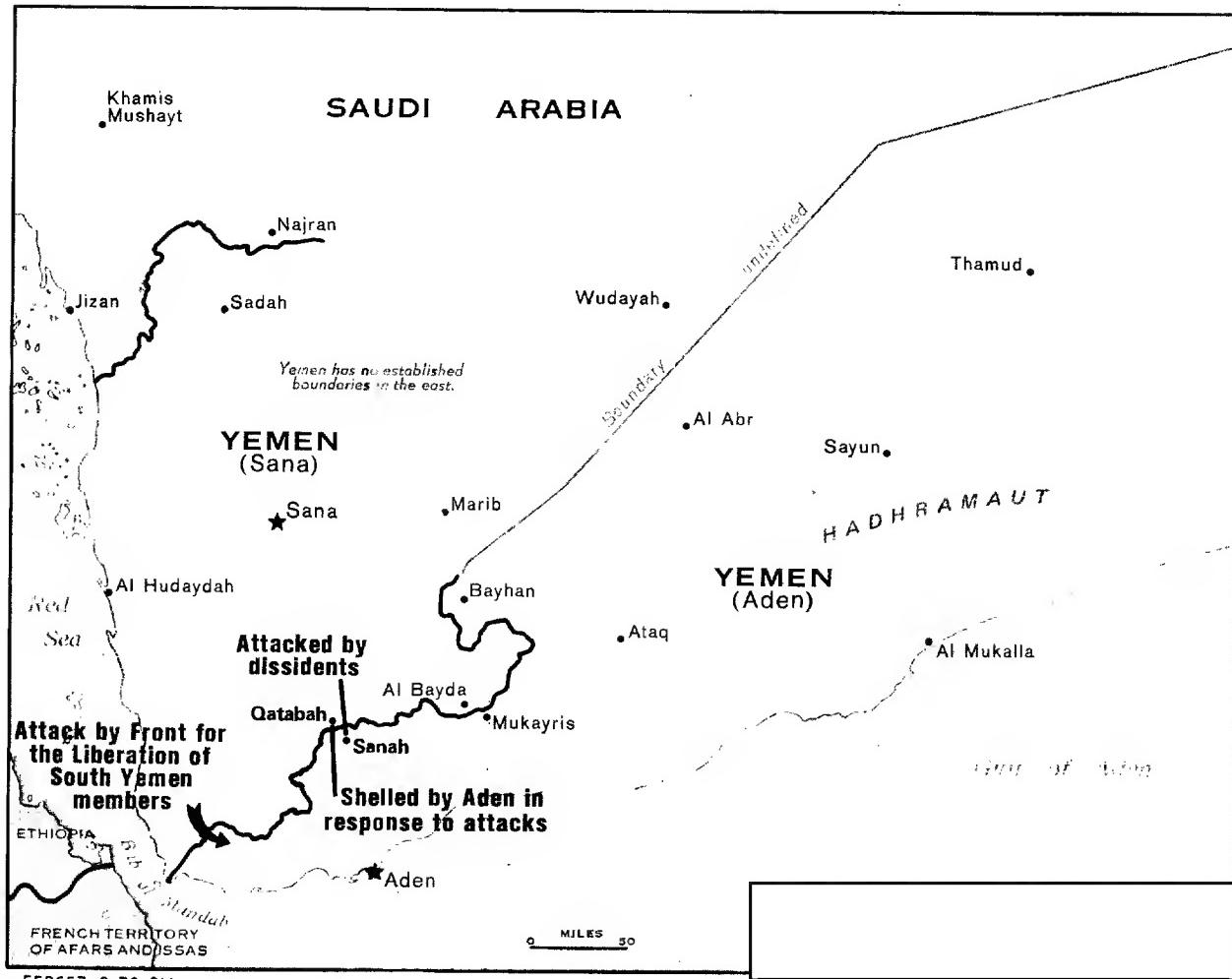
The International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) has passed a resolution recommending that member states make use of existing INTERPOL machinery and services to prevent "non-political" terrorism. The INTERPOL constitution strictly forbids intervention in political activities. [REDACTED]

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YEMEN (SANA) - YEMEN (ADEN): Two apparently uncoordinated forays into Yemen (Aden) by dissidents operating from sanctuaries in Yemen (Sana) have taken place since mid-September. The attacks will worsen the already bad relations between the two Yemens, and probably doom mediation efforts by the Arab League.

On 13 September, a force consisting mainly of members of the Front for the Liberation of South Yemen launched attacks in the Subayhi and Hawshabi regions of Aden's Second Province. Five days later, dissidents under the command of Colonel Husayn Ashal, ex-commander of the Yemen (Aden) Army, crossed the border and attacked an Adeni military stronghold at Sanah. [redacted] fighting in the two areas continued through at least early this week.

It appears that the two incursions were undertaken independently of the recently reorganized National Unity Front, the umbrella organization of opponents of the leftist Aden regime.

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Yemen (Aden) reportedly responded to one of the attacks by shelling the Yemen (Sana) border town of Qatabah. Sana has protested the shelling and warned that domestic pressure could force government action against Aden. A five-nation Arab League mediation committee is scheduled to visit the two Yemens in early October, but neither government is prepared to make the concessions required for a reconciliation.

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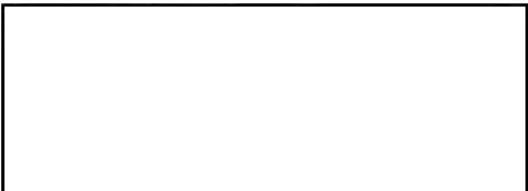
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GUINEA: President Toure has "documents" that purportedly implicate the US in a new "aggression" against his regime. Although Toure is allowing a US expert on forgeries to examine the documents, they have almost certainly contributed to his current jitters. Guinea's security forces and populace have been on alert since early this month when he again raised the spector of an impending foreign-backed attack on Guinea, a claim he has made numerous times since the Portuguese-led strike against Conakry in 1970. A second attack has never materialized and there is no evidence to substantiate Toure's current concern. In sounding this latest alarm, Toure publicly revived an earlier order to his followers to respond to any new aggression by instantly killing the nationals of any foreign country "implicated" in the attack.

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